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I am against the creation, transportation and storage of nuclear waste. This deadly cycle is not being dealt with in a rational or safe manner.

It is dangerous to produce it in the first place. Miners and refiners die of cancers and other illnesses from toxic exposure. Environments are contaminated.

The by-product, plutonium, has been a threat to the safety and security of our nation. Although the military uses it for weapons, this can no longer be used to justify the industry. Nuclear weapons are not a safeguard for democracy. It is more likely that they are being used to undo human freedom and potential, and DU is radiating the areas where wars are being waged.

The transport of nuclear waste is dangerous. Not only from the risk of terrorism, but in the risk of spills and other contaminations....even if no accidents occured, the radiation will bioaccumulate along routes, and those living close to the routes, such as a rail line, will inevitably suffer.

The fact that there is a proposal to reclassify high level radioactive waste is an indication that it can not be dealt with under present safeguards. This does not justify or necessitate lowering the standards...in fact, it is an indication that standards should be raised, as well as security.

I am also concerned about the disposal of radioactive waste in Michigan.

I recently learned that debris from the nuclear facility at Big Rock, near Traverse City,

Michigan, is headed for a landfill near Graylling, Michigan.

I heard from a past worker at Big Rock, that there were spills both inside and

outside the plant during its operation, that were not cleaned up. Therefore, the concrete, and other

building materials that once composed the plant, would be radioactive...some

being highly contaminated.

Please investigate this matter, and please ban any landfilling of any

radioactive waste in Michigan.

Low level radioactive waste should not be below regulatory concern.

It may have high level radioactive waste mixed in it, and it should not

be landfilled.

Any landfilling of any radioactive waste will certainly impact the public

health and environment.

Please do something about this threat to the people and land of our beautiful state. Please do not put this off.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Barnes